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Police confirm identity of juvenile suspect in homicide and attempted-suicide inside Ellicott City home

Howard County police have confirmed the identity of a juvenile suspect believed to be involved in the homicide of 16-year-old Charlotte Zaremba, and the injury of her mother Suzanne, 52, early this morning. The suspect is a 15-year-old male from Ellicott City, who remains in critical condition at Shock Trauma with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. His name cannot be released at this time. *It is unclear if he had any connection to the victims.* There is no indication that anyone else was involved in the incident.

Police were called to the 4800 block of Knoll Glen Road around 2 a.m. for shots fired inside a home. Officers arrived and found Charlotte Zaremba suffering from a gunshot wound. She was transported to Howard County General Hospital where she was pronounced dead. Charlotte's mother, Suzanne Zaremba, was found suffering from a non-life threatening gunshot wound and was transported to Shock Trauma. She was treated and released.

Police located the suspect inside Charlotte Zaremba's bedroom with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

It is believed that around 2 a.m., Suzanne Zaremba heard a scuffle in her daughter's bedroom. She entered and saw the suspect, who fired a shot at her, then at Charlotte, and then himself. A motive is unknown at this time.

Police are continuing to investigate and will update as new information becomes available. Anyone with information should contact police at 410-313-STOP or HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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